

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: FAO In-Country Training Program-Morocco

1. Purpose. To provide a summary of the FAO in-country training program and facilities available in Morocco to assist in selection and preparation of replacement personnel. Projected in-country trainees should use the information provided to contact incumbent trainees and/or FAO supervisor as early as possible for more detailed information.

2. Facts.

a. Summary of Program:

(1) Tour Length: 12-14 months.

(2) Normal Arrival/Departure Dates: ODC FAO: Jan-Jan (12 months); EEM FAO: Ideally, 1 July through 31 August of following year. (14 months)

(3) Program Description – Up to two FAOs conduct ICT in Morocco each year. One FAO is attached to the ODC and attends the Moroccan Staff College in Kenitra , *l'Ecole d'Etat-Major* (EEM). Course dates are early-Sep through June the following year. The EEM FAO conducts local and regional travel as time permits, normally before the start of classes and during trimester and Christmas breaks. Ideally, the FAO should arrive in country 4 to 6 weeks before start of the course. This allows sufficient inprocessing/ settling in time and an opportunity for ICT travel. The second FAO is assigned to ODC where he works as joint/combined exercise officer.

(4) Prerequisites - CPT/MAJ; branch immaterial; French language DLPT scores of at least 2/2/2.

(5) Language Instruction Availability: French and Arabic instruction is available through USEMB or locally.

b. Property:

(1) Government:

(a) Vehicles: The current FAO Vehicle is 1996 Jeep Cherokee 4x4. This vehicle is Government property for use in support of regional travel ad EEM POI. It is for official use only. It is *not* a substitute for personal transportation.

(b) Furniture: The FAO residences come fully furnished, including appliances. There are adequate 220V transformers on site. The residence is normally a three-bedroom villa.

(2) Personal:

(a) POVs: The FAO is authorized shipment of one POV and this is recommended. Normal shipment time is 3 months, so ship early. The fastest option is to ship from the East Coast and pickup in Rota, Spain. One recent FAO shipped his car to Casablanca and it arrived in two months without any problems. If you ship to Rota, you have to pay to get there and back (no direct flights). The other option is to purchase one in Morocco, though prices are high and the condition of vehicles is often dubious. Unleaded gas is available in Morocco. The FAO may use government transportation until receipt of his/her POV. USAA does not insure vehicles in Morocco, however, the embassy GSO can arrange for coverage for you. Most embassy personnel use liability insurance.

(b) Household Goods: FAOs are normally authorized partial JFTR (25%), since most furnishings and major appliances are provided. FAOs should bring only personal items, clothes, decorative items such as wall hangings, kitchen and gardening supplies, and entertainment items such as computers, stereos and televisions. The incoming FAO should coordinate with resident FAO for recommended items to bring as accompanied and unaccompanied baggage.

c. Housing. As with HHG, quarters are more than adequate. The FAOs fall under State Department regulations for housing. There are no dedicated quarters for the FAO. The Embassy leases an apartment or house for the FAO based on family size. Rental costs are covered by the Government, so the FAO does not receive OHA/BAQ. Both FAOs live in Rabat. The EEM FAO must commute daily to and from Kenitra, 45 minutes north of Rabat. If an EEM FAO comes without a family, then he could live in Kenitra at the school where a room is provided.

d. Support Facilities:

(1) Medical: USEMB provides nurse/practitioner support through the Health Unit. More comprehensive medical support is available through community clinics and hospitals in Rabat and at US facilities in Rota and Germany.

(2) Dependent Schooling - The Rabat American School provides education in grades from nursery to 12th. Education is taught in English. Tuition is paid by the DODDS for K-12. A wide selection of French-speaking schools is available at lower costs.

(3) Embassy Cooperative Association (ECA). USEMB has a cooperative (the equivalent of a 7-11), snack bar, video-rental, gas station and vehicle repair shop. Prices are significantly higher to cover transportation costs. All services are available at U.S. Naval Base, Rota, Spain, a 12-hour trip by car/ferry. You need orders to get on to the Naval Base – which means most FAOs never go unless there is medical necessity (check with the DAO for the latest policy).

(4) APO: A full service APO is available at the Embassy. Restricted postal regulations for size and weight apply.

(5) Recreation. The ECA operates an American club with a restaurant, bar, tennis and racquetball courts and weight room. The Rabat American School has additional facilities, to include a pool. The Marine House, located adjacent to the American club, has a bar and weight room. The Community Liaison Office (CLO) offers information and coordinates a wide variety of activities within the local community.

f. Rater/Senior Rater:

Chief, ODC is the rater and the Army Attache s the Senior Rater for both FAOs.

g. FAOs in Training/Programmed:

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3. Additional Information.

a. Entry requirements (NOTE: *This information is subject to change. Recommend incoming FAOs check DoD 4500.54G, Foreign Area Clearance Guide and w/sponsor NLT 90 days before PCS*). FAOs and their family members require Official (maroon) passports. Visa are not required for FAOs and family members. Health/ immunization requirements: none specified, however, FAOs and family members should ensure their immunizations are up to date for regional travel prior to arrival in country.

b. Bring materials for completion of CGSC and French language materials.

c. Business clothing is Embassy attire. ODC FAO will be authorized a Civilian Clothing Allowance and should apply on arrival on station.

d. The EEM FAO should bring materials/FMs from OAC/CAS3. Additionally, he/she should bring map-reading materials, markers, transparencies, ie, your basic CAS3 briefing kit. He/she should bring current information on US force structure, doctrine, etc.Travel Priorities:

Priority One – The Maghreb, Syria, Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Turkey.

Priority Two - Other Gulf States, Iran* and Iraq*.

Priority Three - Mauritania, Sudan, Yemen, Libya*.

* Current travel restrictions apply.

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